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RE: Comments on the Petition (R-08-0039) to Amend Arizona Supreme Court Rule 123

Contemporary Information Corporation (CIC) is a nationwide provider of tenant and employment screening services and information to property managers, landlords, employers as well as state and local agencies. We have numerous clients within the State of Arizona which include those in each of the aforementioned categories. We also collect and maintain databases of information which are derived from both the criminal and civil divisions of the courts within Arizona.

While we are in support of the above mentioned petition, there are aspects contained therein that should be reconsidered to create a more useful Rule for both industry and consumer alike. More specifically, the personal identifiers such as date of birth being limited to month and year of birth will significantly hamper the ability of background screeners to secure an accurate record match.

The Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 USC 1691) (FCRA) requires CIC to maintain procedures that "insure maximum possible accuracy". There are literally hundreds of thousands of people which are born sharing the same name, month and year of birth. Matching a common name with such limited data will become even more difficult for firms which are abiding by the FCRA and other state and federal laws.

Having only a partial date of birth (DOB) will not only pose a problem in matching and accurate reporting, it will also give rise to the potential for increased fraud within Arizona as full and complete information will be difficult to report in a timely manner. The consumers which are applying for either rental or employment will be substantially inconvenienced which may result in the loss of housing and/or employment. In addition, this truncation of complete DOB information is not in step with other jurisdictions throughout the United States.

CIC appreciates the opportunity to comment on this Ruling and, with the aforementioned amendment, would be in support of the adoption of the petition to allow greater access to public records.

In good service,

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